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SUBJECT: CURRENT MEDIA REACTION: WALDHEIM VISIT

SIX CONGRESSMEN IN A LETTER SENT TO TURKISH PRESIDENT KENAN EVREN AND PRIME MINISTER TURGUT OZAL ANNOUNCED THAT KURT WALDHEIM'S VISIT TO ANKARA WILL AFFECT TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS "NEGATIVELY," REPORTED DAILY MASS CIRCULATION INDEPENDENT HURRIYET (CIRC. 580,750) ON OCT. 27.

THE CONGRESSMEN WANTED THE VISIT TO BE CANCELLED. AUSTRIAN PRESIDENT WALDHEIM IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN ANKARA ON NOV. 2 FOR ONE DAY. HURRIYET REPORTED THAT THE LETTER WAS WRITTEN AT THE INITIATIVE OF THE EUROPE AND MIDDLE EAST SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. THE PAPER WROTE THAT THESE CONGRESSMEN ARE THOSE WHO USED TO GIVE FULL SUPPORT TO TURKEY. REPORTING THAT ALL BUT FEIGHAN ARE JEWS, HURRIYET GAVE THEIR NAMES AS:

- TOM LANTOS (D) CALIFORNIA
- BENJAMIN GILMAN (R) NEW YORK
- LAWRENCE SMITH (D) FLORIDA
- MEL LEVINE (D) CALIFORNIA
- EDWARD FEIGHAN (D) OHIO
- GARY ACKERMAN (D) NEW YORK

THE BANNER ON THE THIRD PAGE OF HURRIYET WAS "WALDHEIM THREAT TO ANKARA."
AMBASSADOR INAL BATU, SPOKESMAN OF THE TURKISH FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTRY, IN A PRESS CONFERENCE HELD ON OCT. 26 ANNOUNCED THAT WALDHEIM WILL "STOP OVER" AND IT WILL BE AN "UNOFFICIAL" VISIT. "NATURALLY, THE PROTOCOL LEVEL WILL BE DETERMINED ACCORDINGLY," HE SAID. SCOTTON
END OF MESSAGE

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Rep Lantos
Rep Gilman
Rep Smith Lawrence
Rep Feighan
Rep Ackerman
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